

**Weekly Status & Information Report:  
Week of September 25-September 29, 2006**

1. **Street Restoration (Ward 1):** Work continues on Willow Avenue to replace the broken concrete curb, gutter, sidewalks and driveway aprons. Concrete replacement expected to continue through next week. *(Public Works)*
2. **Landlord-Tenant Affairs (Ward 4):** Housing staff will meet with tenants from 7600 Maple Avenue (The Park Ritchie Apartments) on Wednesday, October 4th from 7pm-9pm in the Community Center Auditorium to discuss the Hardship Rent Increase Petition that was recently filed by the owners of the property. The petition is requesting a 38% increase in the rents that would be implemented over the next few years, if approved by COLTA. A notice of the October 4th meeting was sent to each tenant this week. *(Housing and Community Development)*
3. **Affordable Housing (Ward 5):** Montgomery Housing Partnership, Inc (MHP) a local non-profit affordable housing organization and the tenants residing at 641 Houston Avenue are pleased to announce that the property has finally been purchased by MHP. The closing took place this week after more than a year long up hill battle to maintain the property as an affordable rental facility. The owner had wanted to convert the property to condominiums, however with the efforts of the 641 Houston Avenue Tenants' Association, headed by President, Patricia Powell, MHP, Councilmember Marc Elrich and the entire City Council, Attorney Jamin Raskin, Arnold & Porter and many more, this has turned into a major success story for the tenants. *(Housing and Community Development)*
5. **Montgomery County Housing Fair and Financial Literacy Day (City-wide):** Saturday, October 7, 2006 from 10am - 3pm at the Activity Center at Bohrer Park in Gaithersburg is the place to be if you are interested in finding out about affordable housing programs in the county. There will be drawings for six \$500 cash prizes for your rent or mortgage. You will be able to obtain a free credit report on site and learn how to read it. Sixty (60) exhibitors will be present to help you explore affordable housing programs, mortgages, and opportunities. Admission is free and there is plenty of entertainment throughout the day for children. For further information, contact Linda Walker at 301.891.7222. *(Housing and Community Development)*
6. **Street Festival on Film:** City TV staff will be covering the Street Festival on Sunday, October 1 using the PEG Network production van. *(City TV)*
7. **Webstreaming:** Due to technical problems, the Council meeting of September 25 was not available on the website until Thursday afternoon, but it is there now. In response to requests, the Takoma Metro discussion has been extracted from the meeting and posted separately at the following link:  
[http://takomapark.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?publish\\_id=27](http://takomapark.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?publish_id=27) *(City TV)*
8. **Verizon Franchise Agreement:** Staff attended a meeting with County officials and, in conjunction with legal counsel and the other municipalities, are working thru a few issues. *(City TV)*

**9. Public Hearing:** The County Executive public hearing was held September 28. An archive is available on-line at this URL; Scroll down to 7 pm and click on "Verizon Public Hearing" (*City TV*)

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/CABLE/site/fromurl-weeklyschedule.cfm?viewdate=09/28/2006>

**10. Takoma Metro Hearing:** The WMATA hearing on proposed changes to the transit facilities at the Takoma Metro station is scheduled for October 11. The Takoma Park City Council will vote on a resolution on the subject at its Tuesday, October 3 meeting. A great deal of information can be accessed through the City's web site:

[www.takomaparkmd.gov](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov). Click on Takoma Metro Development. The proposal will affect everyone who uses the Metro station or lives near the station. Please take time to learn about the plans and voice your comments. Contact Suzanne Ludlow at 301-891-7229 or [SuzanneL@takomagov.org](mailto:SuzanneL@takomagov.org) if you have questions. (*Community and Government Liaison*)

**11. Officers in Meetings:** Lt. Cipperly and Cpl. Smith attended the PSCAC committee meeting. City Manager Barbara Matthews, Capt. Coursey, and Mary Kendall of the Md. International Corridor CSAFE, attended a planning session regarding Safe Takoma along with officers from 4D of the Metropolitan Police. Capt. Coursey also attended the Council of Governments' Annual Joint Police and Fire Chief's meeting, and the quarterly Montgomery County Criminal Justice Coordinating Commission meeting. (*Police*)

**12. Goodbye, Carol. We Will Miss You!** After eight years of dedicated service to the agency, Ms. Carol Bannerman is resigning her position as Police Affairs Specialist in order to accept a position in public affairs with the federal government. Her last day of full time employment with the Department will be on Friday, October 13, 2006. She has agreed to continue in a part time capacity as she is available, in order to provide continuity and assist with transitions to new personnel, especially in the area of Accreditation responsibilities. Congratulations are in order for Carol, and we are wishing her the best in her new position. Her presence will be sorely missed in this organization, given her wide array of talents in handling the multitude of assignments she has been given here, over the years. (*Police*)

**13. Traffic Enforcement (All Wards) and Other Police Work:** The COP Team conducted Friday morning traffic enforcement at Philadelphia, Boston and Baltimore Avenues in relation to concerns raised by crossing guards regarding traffic during school crossing periods at this intersection. The team presented refresher training on the use of the decibel meter during officers' roll calls. Last week, Sgt. Gilbert and Cpl. Smith presented a speech on identity theft to the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association. Cpl. Smith wrote and distributed morning announcements for the city's three public schools about pedestrian safety in anticipation of next week's Walk to School week. In other traffic enforcement, officers recorded 79 stops, almost all concluding with citations. About one-third were made on Hwy. 410 (Philadelphia and Ethan Allen). Residential streets away from the city's main roads were also covered. (*Police*)

**14. Permit Parking Zone (Ward 2):** Enforcement of the new residential permit parking zone, Area 5, will begin October 1; residents are reminded that permits should be purchased at the Police Administration window during regular business hours. Area 5 covers portions of Prince George's, Belford, Circle, Conway and New Hampshire Avenues. Tickets that had been issued during the "warning" or phase-in period are being voided. *(Police)*

**15. Juvenile Arrest (Ward 6):** Among arrests by patrol this week were two for drug possession and one for impaired driving. Thanks to a citizen report of suspicious activity, Ofc. Eckford of Squad 1 apprehended a 15 year old city resident on Wednesday as he was leaving a home in the 1100 block of Kirkland. After investigation by Takoma Park detectives, the youth was also charged with burglaries in the 7500 block of Glenside in May and the 7800 block of Kennewick in June. Due to his parents' absence, county authorities placed the youth in a group home. *(Police)*

**16. Arrest Made (Ward 6):** A man was arrested Thursday night on a warrant brought by Takoma Park detectives for an attempted commercial burglary on Sept. 1 in the 1000 block of University Blvd. He is charged with attempted second degree burglary, malicious destruction of property and possession of burglary tools. One suspect (Jose Ramos) was indicted this week in the September 1st homicide on University Boulevard. *(Police)*

**17. Outstanding Warrants Addressed:** Last week (Thursday), Takoma Park detectives conducted service on a number of outstanding warrants resulting in four arrests. Two arrests for fugitives were made related to domestic second degree assault charges and an arrest was made for drug possession. A fourth arrest took place this week when a man turned himself in at the station. *(Police)*